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### REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the outstanding Office action dated August 27, 2003 wherein claims 1-5, 7, 9-13, and 15-17 stand rejected, and claims 6, 8, and 14 have been indicated to contain allowable subject matter.

Based thereon, claims 4, 7, 9, and 12 have been amended as invited by the Examiner, and claims 1-3, 6, 8, 10-11, and 14-15 have been canceled. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and remarks to follow are respectfully requested.


On a formal issue, Applicant noticed that the Examiner did not acknowledge the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 1, 2003. Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4-5, 7, 9, 12-14, and 16-17 are in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Applicant has made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If however, a notice of allowance cannot be issued, it is respectfully requested that the attorney of record or the undersigned be contacted to resolve any outstanding issues.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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